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Too much Wilson—that's all.

If the price of paper goes any higher, they are going to make shoes out of leather again.

Politics is not what it was. Which of the candidates mentioned today was accustomed to be born in a log cabin?

What is wanted is a restoration of confidence. It will come when the republicans are restored to power next November.

When the dry decision was announced, the dries became intoxicated with joy and the wets indulged in sober reflection.

Mildewed Mildred says that her idea of the most useless thing in the world is this year's national democratic convention.

President Wilson has made himself the shining mark by assuming that he is the entire democratic party, label, record, principles and all.

A June bride may not know much about cooking, but she knows that so long as she is a June bride she won't need to know anything about it.

After a weak-minded man has been pushed or scared into leading a better life, the first thing he does is to look all around to find somebody or something to reform.

Some of these old military men are great boozers. Looking over a thousand liquor prescriptions by Chicago physicians, federal officers found a majority were General Debility.

It is good to know that a man is entitled to keep something in these days of high prices and higher taxes. The recent decision of the supreme court allows that a man can keep his thirst.

President Wilson vetoed a bill passed by congress because it contained faulty grammar. The administration's grammar department is the only one that has not broken down; it has always worked overtime.

When Governor Collidge made his reply to the Massachusetts delegates returning from Chicago, he said: "After all, offices are ended and they fade away. Friendship and the esteem in which men hold each other may remain forever." This is a key to Governor Coolidge's character.

One of The Sun's friends calls attention to the statement made by each of the dozen or more democrats he questioned about what they did at the recent county democratic mass meeting in Flagstaff and Williams. He says they said, using identically the same words: "We decided to hang together." Too late with your suicide act, gentlemen: the administration has already dealt the death blow.

## WILL BE CAMPAIGN OF ISSUES

The unanimity with which the Harding nomination is being acclaimed augurs well for the success of the campaign. Prior to the convention individual preferences were divided among many candidates, but it is apparent that since the contest is over, all who believe in republican principles are getting behind the nominee.

The first act of the republican convention was to adopt a declaration of principles by which its subsequently chosen candidates would be bound. Its next duty was to select as head of the ticket a man of unquestioned integrity, fearless courage and dauntless energy to make those principles a part of our government. That man they found in Harding. No man, whatever his political faith, will question for a moment that Harding is amply qualified to realize the program of reformation and reconstruction that his party has laid out for him. Criticism, therefore, of his candidacy must be an attack on that program. And, conversely, support of his candidacy must involve primarily the vigorous presentation of its policies before the people.

In a campaign of that sort the republicans have a tremendous advantage over the democrats. For the last seven years the government has revolved around the personality in the white house. Democratic pre-election promises, constitutional limitations upon executive authority, and established precedents have alike given way before the imperious dictum of the executive autocrat. His re-election in 1916 was accomplished by continually impressing upon the people that the salvation of the nation depended upon keeping Woodrow Wilson in the white house. Issues played little part in that campaign; in fact, the democratic text-book was adorned with a picture of the president, with the words, "Thank God for Wilson."

## WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF

The city is full of visitors. Many of our people have friends visiting them who have come just at this time to take in the big celebration that began yesterday. The tourists have halted on their dusty way east and west to breathe awhile beneath our stately pines, enjoy our cool nights, and take in the sports. The people from the surrounding country, far and near, are with us to help make merry. The crops are in, the spring round-ups finished, and everyone and his wife and children is taking a good long holiday.

The aboriginal redskin is here in force. For many days some of them have traveled, over hot, sun-baked, dusty plains, to have a good time with their white brethren.

Welcome to you all. The town is yours. We wish there was more to offer you, especially in the way of sleeping accommodations. But who wants to sleep? Anyhow, good fellowship, the desire to please, the resolve to keep you fully amused and entertained, with a full measure of thrills thrown in; these are here in fullest abundance. What we lack in roofs we more than make up in friendliness and kindness. May you all have a royal good time and be met with no experience but will be pleasing to remember when you go back home.

## TUCSON GLORIES IN PHOENIX'S SHAME

The pride of Phoenix has been hurt. Also, the veracity of some Phoenix boosters has been called in question. And now Phoenix and her boosters are awful, awful mad.

It all comes through the fact that the last census, the figures for which have just been announced at Washington, has discounted the stories the boosters have been telling by about 16,000 people. The boosters said Phoenix had between forty-five and fifty thousand population. The census bureau says it has only 29,053.

The Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, however, has decided "to accept the official count" at the same time censuring the census bureau for its increasing "unreliability." All of which provokes the Tucson Citizen to unholy glee and the following comment:

"Consider the situation. Here is Phoenix, capital of Arizona, hub of the universe, center of the good roads movement (that is the movement of good roads away from Phoenix and the moving of road funds into Phoenix), flouted and disparaged by a mere little fact like official government figures.

"It is an occasion for fell and dire deeds of reprisal. The whole world has been interested in how many people get their mail in the capital of Maricopa county. The eyes of Bangkok, of Washington and of Tahiti are fastened on this Salt River Valley Babylon.

"Could temerity go farther, insolence be more presumptuous, error be more idiotic, than to say that this rising metropolis of 50,000 had but 29,053 souls?

"Phoenix was not to lie supine under this wretched ignominy. Not she. Not a single blade of her Johnson grass nor a single family of her mosquitoes, most of whom she had figured would as a matter of right and justice be included in her population.

"But the census bureau was too small fry for her vengeance. It must be all pervasive, must crush and wither and blast all within the range of governmental responsibility.

"The first explosion, therefore, announced that the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, mightiest of all organs of public sentiment, had damned the census counts as 'becoming more and more unreliable,' thus blowing away into space the whole fabric so laboriously built up for 130 years by the government.

"But with the bureau, under this blight and pall, must go the thing responsible for the existence of the bureau. When the chamber starts out to demolish things it not merely demolishes the effect, it uproots and obliterates the cause.

"The C. of C. let drive its final blast with the announcement that in the future the census of the government is to 'be dispensed with altogether.'

"That was reaching the cause with a vengeance. It happens that the taking of the census is a duty of the government written into the constitution of the United States. The constitution is the cause, the decennial census the effect.

"The census is to go and the constitution back of it is to go. Phoenix has demonstrated again that no bumblebee, however swollen, can be tempered with with impunity.

"But nonetheless, that 29,053 will stand as the badge of Phoenix teeming millions for the next ten years.

"Too bad—too-o-o-o bad."

In Mexico a man is first a rebel, then president, and thereafter, if he's fortunate, an exile.

You think you are a pretty valuable member of the community, but if your services and talents were put up for sale without any prestige or pull or property, how much would they bring "under the hammer?"

Discussing once more the real reason why sugar is not selling at a reasonable price in the United States the Philadelphia Public Ledger lays the blame for this condition of affairs at the door of the president and declares that if the president had done his duty sugar would now be selling at ten cents a pound in the United States.

The decision of Senator Harding to retain his seat in the senate until the fourth of March, next, when, in all likelihood, he will be inaugurated as president, is wise and should further endear him to a people universally afraid of anything that might give the democrats more power. For the senate now stands 49 republicans and 47 democrats. Governor Cox, of Ohio, is a democrat, and if Harding were to resign as senator, Cox would appoint a democrat, in which case the senate would be tied, leaving Vice-President Marshall to cast the deciding vote. So Harding is even now on the job of saving the country.



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